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EXAMINER: MATTHEW THEXTON

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## RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2006, for the above-referenced patent application and is being submitted with a petition for a three-month Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 with the appropriate fees.

Introductory Comments

Applicants have amended the Claims as follows. Also, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection and submit the following arguments.